



The State of New Hampshire  
*Department of Environmental Services*



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Commissioner

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Senator Bob Odell, Chairman  
Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 203  
Concord, NH 03301

**Subject: HB 1663-FN-L relative to the licensing fee for motor vehicle recycling yards**

Dear Chairman Odell and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1663-FN-L. This bill seeks to increase the fee that municipalities charge motor vehicle salvage yards for a local license to operate pursuant to RSA 236:111 -129. The existing \$25 fee has not increased since it was first introduced in 1965. The proposed legislation will enable municipalities to increase the fee as appropriate to cover the actual costs of issuing the licenses.

In New Hampshire, municipalities are the primary licensing authority for motor vehicle salvage yards. Effective administration of this local license system provides an important basis for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services' (DES) programs to promote environmental compliance at motor vehicle salvage yards to assure protection of local soil, groundwater, water supply, and air quality. DES is concerned that the existing license fee is outdated, insufficient to cover current costs for effectively administering the local license system, and a disincentive for municipal participation in compliance activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of testimony, please contact Tony Giunta at 271-2905.

Sincerely,

  
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